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## Marginal Column

By COMMENTATOR

FOR the past few years we have followed the activities of such men as Suzuki and Katsumata in Japan, of Soetan Sjahrir in Indonesia and U Ba Swe in Burma, of the Socialists and Socialists elsewhere in Asia, with interest and sympathy. Today they are meeting in Rangoon, and according to the bulletin of the prepatory Committee five main subjects will be debated in the Plenary Session of the Asian Socialist Conference: principles and objectives of socialism, agrarian policy in Asia, economic development of Asian economic development of Asian countries, common Asian problems, and Asia in its relation to world peace. A joint statement on the principles and objectives of socialism has been adopted, after meeting with the approval of all Asian Socialist parties, including both Japanese Socialist parties; it defines capitalism, communism and socialism and distinguishes socialism from the other two—not as a middle way. The basic objectives of the Socialist parties in Asia according to this joint statement is to achieve emancipation of the oppressed masses of Asia from national, social and economic bondage and subservience.

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ALL this is extremely important and we believe that in the long run these parties may stand a good chance of success. At the present moment the Communists in these countries appear to enjoy a more favourable position, but one should not forget that the revolutionary movement in Asia is nationalist no less than Socialist, and parties connected with or utterly dependent upon an outside power will either be discredited, or more likely have to sever thoir ties gradually and not only in name. Peking's independence from Moscow has been noted: the supreme test for dependence or independence is of course the purges (or the lack of purges) within local leadership, and on this count it appears obvious that Moscow has not been able to intervene in Peking.

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ISRAEL participation in Rangoon should be welcome, and it should be noted that similar opportunities have been neglected in the past. Unfortunately, this has been made the occasion of much loose speaking and writing, culminating at times in a new ideology of "Asiatic orientation" Israel is part of Asia, it has been pointed out, and when shall we at last draw the obvious conclusions from this geopolitical reality? And why do our children in schools get one-sided European education? It should at once be admitted that Israel is indeed a part of Asia, but it is a very debatable point what conclusions we can nowadays draw from this fact. Turkey, too, is part of Asia, Egypt is part of Africa, yet their foreign policy is certainly not overmuch influenced by these undisputable facts. An orientation towards Asia is unrealistic: according to the present division of labour between Russia and China, the former is responsible for Middle East affairs and there is no reason to hope for a different attitude towards Israel as far as Peking is concerned, especially in view of the fact that it is not committed and not interested in this part of the world.

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THE new independent countries of Asia — Indonesia, Burma, India, etc. face serious internal difficulties at home and for many years to come they will not be able to carry out an active foreign policy. In some countries such as Indonesia and Burma the position of the respective governments is highly insecure and the prevalent mood is one of "que la république etait belle sous l'empire": independence was a beautiful dream under foreign domination. No opportunity should be missed, to be sure, of stressing the importance of Israel's social experiments (which outgrew the experimental stage long ago) but then it should not be forgotten that social and political development in most Asiatic countries will most probably be on different and less democratic lines in view of the much lower level of education there. Israel by its nature is a Western state, and all artificial attempts towards "Asian assimilation" are doomed to failure. "Western" does not mean Western imperialism: even the most fervent opponents of the West in Asia have learned their political and social ideas of nationalism and communism in Moscow and Amsterdam, in the Sorbonne and the London School of Economics. And this is the reason why children in our schools are bothered by their teachers with the French revolution and "1848" instead of the Ming dynasty or Ansyangnoh.

Jerusalem, January 5.

# Directors-General and Vice-Ministers Named

The reappointment of two Deputy Ministers, the appointment of a new Deputy Minister and two new Directors-General, and the composition of seven Ministerial Committees, were approved at the weekly Cabinet meeting held in Jerusalem yesterday.

The Cabinet was informed that the Prime Minister would take a holiday of several weeks, and it was decided that the Minister of Finance, Mr. Levi Eshkol, will act in his place. Mr. Ben Gurion will continue as Minister of Defence, however. The Cabinet was also informed that the Minister without Portfolio, Mr. P. Lavon, will be Acting Foreign Minister during the absence of Mr. Moshe Sharett at the Asia Socialist Conference.

The Cabinet approved Israel's adherence to the International Institute for the Codification of Civil Law, founded in Rome in 1926 for the purpose of coordinating the property laws of the member States. The Institute arranges international congresses, facilitates the exchange of legal information, and prepares draft laws and formulas for international commercial treaties. Thirty-five States are members of the Institute. Israel's delegates will be Dr. U. Yadin, of the Ministry of Justice, and Professor G. Tedeschi, of the Hebrew University.

The Cabinet discussed the proposed establishment of an "Investor-Immigrant Centre" which would be incorporated as a special section of the Investment Centre of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The new centre's task would be to advise the immigrant of moderate means on the transfer and investment of his capital. Special attention would be paid to the housing of such immigrants and of their enterprises. The proposal will be considered further by the Cabinet's Economic Committee.

### Approved in Principle

Approval in principle was given to an Amendment to the Municipal Election Law, whereby the next municipal elections would be held not in October, 1953, as the law provides at present, but simultaneously with the elections to the Third Knesset and at four-yearly periods thereafter. This was one of the points in the Mapai-General Zionist coalition agreement.

The question of price increases was not discussed by the Cabinet, the spokesman asserted.

Mr. Y. Ephrati was approved as Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Dr. Z. Warhaftig as Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, and Dr. Y.S. Rosenberg as Deputy Minister of Social Welfare.

The Cabinet also approved the appointment of Dr. A. Moyal as Director General of the Ministry of Interior, and of Dr. S. Lipshitz as Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. The latter is head of the local Ford Agency and he will retire from his business affairs on his entry into the Civil Service.

It is understood that the outgoing Director General of the Ministry of Commerce will leave the Civil Service. The Cabinet Committees were constituted as follows:

**ECONOMIC COMMITTEE:** Mr. L. Eshkol (Minister of Finance), chairman, Mr. P. Bernstein (Minister of Commerce and Industry) Mr. P. Lavon (Minister without Portfolio), Mrs. G. Myerson (Minister of Labour), Mr. P. Naphtali (Minister of Agriculture), Mr. Y. Sophir (Minister of Communications), Mr. P. Rosen (Minister of Justice) and Mr. M. Shapiro (Minister of Social Welfare).

**GERMAN REPARATIONS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Eshkol, chairman, Mr. Bernstein, Mrs Myerson, Mr. Naphtali, Mr. Sophir, and Dr. Burg (Minister of Posts).

**LEGAL COMMITTEE:** Mr. P. Rosen, chairman, Dr. Burg, Dr. D. Joseph (Minister without Portfolio), Mr. Naphtali, Mr. Y. Serlin (Minister of Health), Mr. B. Shitreet (Minister of Police), and Mr Saphir.

**STATE LANDS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Eshkol, chairman, Mrs. Myerson, Mr. Shitreet, Mr. Serlin, Mr. Shapiro, and Mr. I. Rokach (Minister

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## Coalition Agree In Jerusalem Council

Jerusalem POST Reporter

The effect of the Government coalition was felt in the Jerusalem Municipality last night with the almost unanimous passage of a compromise agreement on the controversial proposals to dismiss or transfer 166 city employees.

The proposals, which had been attacked by the Mapai-Mapam-Progressive opposition as "unfair and illegal," had been the cause of a nine-hour stormy session last Thursday night and for another three hours last night before the settlement was reached. The majority Orthodox-General Zionist-Herut coalition had already passed a motion to carry out the dismissals and transfers.

As a result the opposition appealed to the High Court yesterday for an order *nisi* against the Council, Mayor and two city officials to show cause why the proposal should be implemented. The opposition claimed it had been illegally drawn up and approved.

Furthermore, angry city workers called a general meeting at noon yesterday in the Histadrut auditorium and threatened to strike unless individual hearings were given employees scheduled to be dismissed.

Both the Court suit and the workers' threat are now expected to fall by the wayside as a result of last night's agreement which was worked out by Mapai and the General Zionists. The entire list of 166 will be re-studied by a mixed committee of representatives of the city, workers and Histadrut. Individual hearings will be granted and arbitration will be permitted in a certain number of cases. Pensions or compensation for those to be retired or dismissed will be paid promptly. The entire action is to be completed within 30 days.

Only Mr. A. Kublanoff (Mapam) opposed the agreement, noting that like last week, he still opposed limited arbitration and firings en bloc. Herut split in the vote with Mr. A. Axelrod supporting and Deputy Mayor M. Rubin abstaining.

The meeting opened with an official announcement by Mr. Axelrod on behalf of Herut rejecting the attack at the last meeting on the integrity of Mr. Rubin. Mr. R. Shaci (Mapai), who made the charge, replied with an enlargement of the accusations and announced he was sending the details to the State Controller for investigation. The charge is that Mr. Rubin usurped his authority as Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Public Works Committee by getting a city contract for his company to design plans for several ritual baths.

## Sandstorm in Negev; Crops Thirst for Rain

Jerusalem POST Bureau

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Half a dozen tents and their contents in a surveyors' camp in the central Negev were blown away by a sand storm which raged last night, despite the all-night struggle to hold them down.

It is reported from Beersheba that a strong *Sharav* (hot dry wind) has been blowing throughout the Negev for the past two days. In Tel Aviv too, *Sharav* conditions prevailed during the week-end.

Ministry of Agriculture sources in Tel Aviv said tonight that some of the Negev winter grain will have to be resown if no rain falls within the next five days. It was officially reported earlier that despite the lack of rain, the condition of crops in the Western Negev is satisfactory.

This was determined after a lengthy tour of the country by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and the Jewish Agency Settlement Department.

In those places in which the early sowings were damaged by the dry weather, permission has been given to resow the fields without waiting for a special licence. Ministry officials are still hopeful of a good crop, as the proper rainy season has not yet begun, and late sowing need not cause undue harm.

Light rain fell in Elath last night and today. There was a strong southerly wind, and the sea was rough.

## Rosenbergs Charge Political Coercion

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, condemned to death for atom spying, said last night that the words of the judge denying them clemency smack of political pressure and coercion.

Federal Judge Irving Kaufman said in New York on Friday in rejecting the clemency plea: "I still feel that their crime was worse than murder."

## Poultry Price Drops To IL.4 in T.A.

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Dressed poultry was being offered for sale in the Carmel Market here today at IL.4 a kilo, but it found few buyers. The price on Friday was more than IL.5.

Although on sale without coupons few housewives appeared to have the money to spend on chickens. Since civil servants have not yet received their full salaries, and most persons in the past few days have had to meet end-of-the month and end-of-the year bills, little money has remained for more expensive foods.

## Sugar Up; Subsidies Cut to Fight Inflation

Jerusalem POST Staff

The price of sugar will go up this month from 140 to 180 pruta per kilo, it was learned in Jerusalem last night. It was explained that this increase had been decided upon before the announcement was made that there would be no further price increases until the end of the present fiscal year in March 1953. Higher prices were not dealt with by the Ministerial Committee on Economic Affairs which met yesterday as the decisions had already been taken.

The Committee discussed the draft law on Property tax, and the discussion will be completed at a special meeting tomorrow. Rumours that the proposed tax might be shelved were denied by a Ministry of Finance spokesman; it was possible, however, that there would be certain amendments in the draft.

The financial aspects of the easing of the exit visa regulations were also discussed by the Economic Ministers, but no decisions were taken.

### Policy of Deflation

The latest price increases of sugar, bread, flour and fuel result from the Government policy of cutting the Government subsidies in basic commodities, an authoritative source explained to *The POST*. Consumers will be compelled to spend a larger share of their income on these products, leaving less money for other, less essential commodities.

**It is expected that this anti-inflationary policy will show marked results soon, with a drop in the prices of footwear and textiles. It is also expected that the prices of poultry, vegetables and other uncontrolled agricultural products will drop in the near future.**

It was revealed last night that there might also be a further adjustment in the price of milk, as the Government would like to cut the subsidies, while farmers are asking for increased prices for the producers. The question is to be discussed by the Agricultural Council.

Another possible change in the offing is that of transport. In a joint memorandum submitted to the Minister of Communications, Eshed, Dan and Hamekasher asked for a rise in view of the higher cost of fuel and higher wages.

## Rate Hike Causes Cyprus Phone 'War'

By SHAHE GUEBENLIAN
POST Correspondent

NICOSIA, Sunday. — A minor "war" is being waged here over telephones.

Some 25 per cent of the island's subscribers have refused to sign new contracts with the local company at doubled rates, which came into force on January 1. As a result they were disconnected and are without telephones. Others signed the agreement after being disconnected.

A movement to boycott the telephone service is being led by the mayors of the island's main towns who are leading public resentment at the higher rates. At a special meeting today, attended by delegates from all political, trade union and professional associations a resolution was passed to "continue the struggle" against the higher rates and urging those boycotting the service not to yield.

Participating in the boycott are a number of leading commercial firms, several of which today advertised in newspapers that they were no longer available on the phone and requested clients to contact them by cable or mail — reverting to the situation which existed before the first telephones were installed in 1936.

## 50% TAX ON AIR TRAVEL, 25% ON SEA

TEL AVIV, Sunday—Air travel will be subject to a 50 per cent tax, according to a law gazetted today. The tax on first class tickets on ships is 25 per cent, second class 20 per cent; third, fourth and cargo ships 10 per cent; and any other method of travel, 30 per cent.

The new schedule has been in force for the past ten days, when the travel agencies were informed privately by the Director of Luxury Tax.

## Sharett in India Affirms Israel Will for Peace

BOMBAY, Sunday (Reuter). — Foreign Minister Moshe Sharett last night affirmed Israel's readiness to enter into a peace agreement with the Arabs countries.

After landing in Bombay, Mr. Sharett, who is on his way to Rangoon to attend the Asian Socialist Conference, said in an interview that it was the Arab countries which refused to enter into negotiations with Israel for the conclusion of peace. "For the present there is an armistice agreement between us, but as time goes on that is wearing thin," he said.

Mr. Sharett said the Arab countries were keeping up economic warfare against Israel and it was in the interest of peace that the present armistice be replaced as early as possible by a "comprehensive peace settlement. For this we are ever ready," the Foreign Minister said.

Mr. Sharett also referred to Indian offers in the U.N. Assembly to solve the prisoner of war exchange issue and said it was a matter of deep disappointment that this suggestion for ending the Korean conflict had not been universally accepted.

He continued his journey to Rangoon last night.

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## Ike's Reception Of Churchill To Be Cordial But Wary

NEW YORK, Sunday (Reuter). — President-elect Eisenhower has prepared a personally cordial but officially cautious reception for Prime Minister Churchill, who arrives here in the Queen Mary tomorrow for a brief visit on his way to Jamaica.

The note of caution was struck by Gen. Eisenhower last Tuesday at a meeting with congressional leaders. He went out of his way to volunteer assurances that his talks with Mr. Churchill would be purely social and that they need not worry about any commitments resulting from the meetings.

The Senators themselves made the assurance doubly sure by informing the press of the President-elect's promise and thus putting it on public record.

Despite the President-elect's reference to the meeting being "purely social" everyone expects the most serious world problems to be discussed in very general terms.

### Korea Seen Theme

Press speculation here about the nature of the talks has focused upon Korea, the prospects of a meeting of Western leaders with Marshal Stalin and financial and atomic cooperation between Britain and the U.S.

If, as has been unofficially reported, Gen. Eisenhower has some new strategic plan for a Korean armistice, he can consult Mr. Churchill about it without either committing himself irrevocably or using the possibly insecure channels of formal multilateral consultation with all the U.N. members fighting in the Korean war.

Both statesmen have declared themselves willing to meet Marshal Stalin if there is a reasonable chance of any good coming out of such a meeting, and the incoming American Administration has promised a sympathetic reception for any "concrete proposals" which the Soviet Government may wish to make through diplomatic or U.N. channels.

## French Communists Expel Marty

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — Andre Marty, former Communist leader denounced for "fractional activity," has been expelled from the French Communist Party, it was announced tonight.

The Communist Federation of the Seine department (Greater Paris) said it had verified the decision to expel him taken on December 30 by the Committee of Marty's district party branch in Paris.

No expulsion proceedings have so far been announced against Charles Tillon, former resistance leader demoted at the same time and accused of engaging in anti-party activities with Marty.

## Mayer Marks Time As Gaullists Confer

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter). — The Cabinet-forming efforts of the Radical leader, M. Rene Mayer marked time today while the Gaullists deliberated whether to give him their vital support.

For the first time since its creation General de Gaulle's Rally of the French People (RPF) has so far in the present crisis held the power of making or marring the French Government.

The fate of M. Mayer, fourth man to try to solve France's 18th post-war crisis, seemed tonight to turn on his convincing the Gaullists that he had the right ideas on German rearmament. The RPF fears he may be too favourable to the European Defence Community Treaty.

Gen. de Gaulle has condemned from its inception what he calls the "nightmare absurdity" of this treaty and recently suggested as an alternative a "grand alliance" including Germany.

M. Mayer is known to favour tabling the bill ratifying the treaty but this might mean letting it spend months in parliamentary committee. He last night persuaded the Gaullists to call a meeting of their parliamentary group tomorrow to decide a final answer, and will then tell President Vincent Auriol tomorrow night whether he will seek investiture from the National Assembly on Tuesday.

## Kol Yisrael Gives Cairo Weekly's Unprinted Interview with Elath

The interview which the Israel Ambassador in London, Mr. Eliahu Elath, granted to the correspondent of the Cairo weekly "Akhbar el-Yom" at the journalist's request several months ago, has not yet been published by the newspaper. It was broadcast yesterday on Kol Yisrael's Arabic programme.

Mr. M. El-Biali interviewed the Ambassador on September 24. It was agreed beforehand that the Egyptian journalist should furnish Mr. Elath with a series of written questions, the answers to which were also to be given in writing.

After polite preliminaries, in which the correspondent expressed his appreciation of the courtesy done him, and incidentally revealed that he had been a military correspondent during the Palestine war, the questions were put.

The Ambassador was asked whether Israel was willing to hand over certain territories in the interests of a settlement with the Arab States.

**Mr. Elath replied that any prospective peace settlement could, of course, include such territorial readjustments as might be mutually agreed upon by the parties concerned.**

Another question was whether Israel was willing to accept the U.N. Partition Plan of 1947 as a basis for negotiations with the Arabs.

**The Ambassador said that he had to begin by reminding his interviewer and his readers that it is the Arab States who have steadfastly refused to accept the plan — which provided for both an Arab and a Jewish State.**

**The borders of Palestine were invaded by Israel's Arab neighbours in defiance of the Partition Resolution. It is apparent that they were out to prevent implementation of the Plan. Five years have passed since then, Mr. Elath said, and the wheel of history cannot be turned back. Negotiations initiated today will have to be based upon current realities, as these have resulted from Arab aggression.**

The Ambassador was asked what proposals Israel was prepared to put forward as a basis for a discussion of a settlement with the Arab States.

**Mr. Elath replied that he did not think there could be a more satisfactory basis than the offer to initiate discussions leading to peace and cooperation between Israel and her neighbours. He did not need to reaffirm his country's belief that, with good will on the part of all concerned, outstanding questions can be settled within the framework of such negotiations.**

**The Israel Ambassador said, in reply to the last question, that Israel and her neighbours would undoubtedly benefit from economic cooperation, but such cooperation was not so vital that Israel's survival depended upon it. This had been sufficiently proved, he thought, by the years of Arab boycott. The country was well aware of its present difficulties, but had confidence in its power — with the help of its friends — to overcome them, as the difficulties of the past had been overcome.**

## U.K. Jet Plane Sales Not Major Policy

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — The British Government's decision to supply jet planes to certain Middle East states was the result of pressures from a variety of departmental interests in the Foreign Office rather than a major policy decision, it would appear from the explanation handed out by the Foreign Office, says the current issue of the "Jewish Observer."

"The Foreign Office was anxious above all to ensure that the British hold in the Middle East, provided by uniform use of British military equipment by all Middle East states, should be reinforced. No secret is made of the belief that this may tilt the balance in favour of the British, as distinct from the American concept of Middle East defence.

"The Foreign Office also, in pursuit of its irrepressible creed that its neutrality in the Arab-Israel conflict is best proved by alternately annoying both sides, believes the time has come to annoy Israel. Not that there is much confidence in Whitehall that its jets will buy Egyptian concessions or goodwill — at the most it is hoped that there will be a little less illwill.

### Ministry's Interest

The Ministry of Supply has been interested from rather a different angle. The company producing the aircraft now destined for the Middle East was in the van of jet development with the Meteor. But these planes have now been overtaken by others and until the company's new machines come into production its considerable works may lack orders to keep them in production.

From a purely trading viewpoint, therefore, the sale of 48 jets to the Arab states and another dozen to Israel at a total cost with spares, of approximately £16m. is not to be sneezed at.

From the Defence Ministry came the view that in case of Soviet attack, 60 jets in the area would be preferable to none—no matter if some calculated risk is involved.

But on this last point the Foreign Office view is that Israel is making rather too much fuss over the supply of jets. Whitehall is convinced that no Arab state could make war singly against Israel and is no less sure that there is no danger of an Arab grand alliance against Israel.

In fact, Whitehall seems to be rather shocked by the cynicism with which the governments in Cairo, Damascus and Baghdad have discounted the speeches and declarations of their delegations at the last U.N. Assembly.

# East Germans Launch Zionist Witch-Hunt

**BERLIN, Sunday. — The Central Committee of the East German Communist Party today accused two Communist leaders of being Zionists, American agents, Titoists and Trotskyists.**

The accusation appeared to be a sign that the men, Paul Merker, former Politburo member who was arrested last month, and Kurt Mueller, deputy chief of the West German Communist Party, arrested two years ago, will be defendants in a show trial that might involve Gerhard Eisler, former Soviet Zone propaganda chief.

The Central Committee, in a resolution published by the party newspaper "Neues Deutschland," said the men were members of an anti-Soviet Zionist conspiracy led by Rudolf Slansky and other Czech Communist leaders executed last month.

The accusation against Mueller appeared to foreshadow the doom of Eisler, whose propaganda office was shut down last week without his being given any other job. The main charge is that Mueller took part in a Trotskyite attempt to unseat Ernest Thaelmann as leader of the German Communist Party before the Nazi era. Last February Eisler confessed to taking part in the same plot and shortly after he was dropped from the East German Party's Central Committee.

### Ties with Trotskyites

The Committee said that since the war Mueller, with the help of Western agents, had established ties with "foreign Trotskyites like Ruth Fischer (Eisler's sister).

It said that the lesson to be drawn from the Slansky trial and the cases of Mueller and Merker is that the behaviour of Party members in exile during the Hitler regime must be clarified once and for all. This appeared to be directed at Eisler, who spent the war years in America. All leading Communists in the Soviet Zone were in Russia.

Throughout its attack on Zionism the Party's report linked Merker with rich Jewish capitalists in America but did not state whether he himself is a Jew. Mueller is not a Jew. No trial was mentioned in the report, but Mueller is believed to be awaiting trial in an East German prison.

Many Jews, including some still in great favour, hold responsible jobs in the East German Communist Government.

Merker is charged with "cosmopolitanism," advocating the formation of a Jewish State, proposing government financing of emigration of "Jewish capitalists" to Israel and restitution of Jewish property confiscated by the Nazis.

### Attacks U.S., Zionism

The Committee said "The Zionist movement has nothing in common with the goals of humanity. It is ruled, dominated and tied to American imperialism and exclusively serves the interests of American imperialism and Jewish capitalists."

Merker is alleged to have used his Politburo job to encourage the growth of the Jewish community in East Germany. He had "falsely described Zionism as a Jewish national movement while in reality it is an agency of American imperialism."

"Merker demanded the recognition of Jews in Germany as a national minority so that Zionist spies and diversionists could be sent to the new Germany," the accusation added.

*(UP, Reuter)*

## Rich German Farmers Fight Kolkhozes

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter). — The East German Communist Party newspaper "Neues Deutchland" today urged party officials to increase their vigilance over large farmers because of "organized campaigns" against the collectivization drive.

The paper said, "Carelessness and political blindness often support attempts by reactionary farmers to frustrate the collectivization plan." It added that last summer farmers attacked "progressive" inhabitants of the village of Seelow near Berlin who were willing to found collective farms.

The collectivization drive which started last summer has so far resulted in about 14,000 collective farms covering two per cent of East Germany's arable land. Over 7,000 farmers have fled to West Berlin.

## Poland Ends Rationing As Double Price Plan Fails

WARSAW, Sunday. — The Government has announced the abolition of ration cards, increased salaries for state employees and the establishment of uniform prices for agricultural and industrial products.

Salaries will be raised by 12 to 40 per cent, pensions from 25 to 56 per cent and scholarships by 25 per cent. On the other hand, post and telegraph rates will be raised by 25 per cent, prices of newspapers by five groz, electricity by 30 per cent and transport according to special regulations.

At the same time the Government admitted the failure of the double price system, under which rationed goods were sold at one price and on the free market at another.

Warsaw Radio said that speculators and wealthy peasants had taken advantage of the drought which had caused a considerable rise in the free market prices of some agricultural products.

*(AFP, Reuter)*

## NAGIB PRESIDENT IN CAIRO HOROSCOPE

CAIRO, Sunday (AFP). — The independent "Akhbar el-Yom" today predicted that Egypt would be declared a republic during 1953. The event was presaged in the 1953 political forecasts of the paper's astrologer.

The forecast said that Prime Minister Nagib would be unanimously proclaimed the first President, and that there would be no other candidates for the post.

The horoscope predicted the retirement of Muptapha el Nahas, former leader of the Wafd Party, and that his example will be followed by a large number of well-known politicians.

Other forecasts include important political trials, the formation of one party and parliamentary elections for the end of the year.

## Egyptian Murdered In Land Dispute

ASSIUT, Upper Egypt, Sunday, (Reuter). — Bishai Ghali, whose son Riad is married to ex-King Farouk's sister, Princess Fathia, was assassinated in his home town near here today.

Two men have been arrested and police are seeking a third suspect.

Bishai Ghali was killed after a dispute over a small plot of land, police said.

Premier Nagib this evening telegraphed his condolences to Riad Ghali who is in San Francisco and assured him, "Justice will take its full course."

## EGYPT EXPELS JEWISH EDITOR

CAIRO, Sunday (INA). — Mr. Etienne Cohen, editor of "Le Progres," French-language newspaper in Egypt, has been ordered to leave the country within a fortnight.

This follows the expulsion of other Jewish journalists and is thought to indicate that the authorities plan to eliminate Jews from influential positions in public life. The removal of foreign Jews is believed to be the first stage in this process.

## GAITSKELL TO LECTURE AT HEBREW U.

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Mr. Hugh Gaitskell, M.P., former Labour Chancellor of the Exchequer, left here by air tonight for Jerusalem where he is to give three lectures on economic planning at the Hebrew University.

He will also meet Israel Government officials and visit Jordan, Syria and the Lebanon. Mr. Gaitskell, who will be away from London for two weeks, described his visit as "purely academic."

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REVIEW OF YESTERDAY'S PRESS

# Two Ministers Discuss Price Spiral in Press Interviews

Interviews granted by the Ministers of Finance and Commerce and Industry to "Ha'aretz" (Independent) and "Haboker" (General Zionist) were published yesterday.

Mr. Eshkol declared that the prices of electricity will not be increased by 18 per cent as demanded by the company. Teachers will receive their wages for December in full on the 15th, while in other government departments payment will be made in two instalments up to the 22nd. The Minister wishes to balance the budget during the last four months of the financial year and this is the reason for the price increases of various commodities. One third of all government revenue is contributed by income tax, the rest comes from other sources.

Editorially "Ha'aretz" criticises the decision to pay wages to government employees at a later date. What is needed is a complete reorganization of the government apparatus.

Mr. Bernstein in an interview with "Haboker" said that radical changes should be made within the framework of the present budget to prevent future deficits. He does not believe that the desired effect will be reached by increasing prices at the present time: increase in the C-o-L index will cause the Government greater outlays in future. Mr. Bernstein believes that Mr. Eshkol took these eventualities into consideration, but nevertheless decided to adopt these decisions in order to cover the present deficit. According to Mr. Bernstein the budget should be balanced by drastic cuts in the budget as such, in the services and by making the tax collection more efficient. If income tax were lower and collection more efficient, the Government could double what it obtains from this source now.

"Hatzofe" (Mizrahi) also deals with economic issues and stresses the importance of transferring unemployed people to rural areas and the establishment of a new investment centre for propective investors from abroad.

"Davar" (Histadrut) welcomes the decision of the leaders of the Independence Bond drive not to resign. The paper says that only very seldom in the history of our financial institutions has there been no friction among those responsible and the various sectors. These legitimate differences of opinion have now been overcome and the leaders of the Bond drive may be expected to render full assistance to the Government in the present serious situation.

"Kol Ha'am" (Communist) and "Al Hamishmar" (Mapam) prominently dealt with the Rosenberg case. A correspondent in "Al Hamishmar" said that even if the Rosenbergs are guilty, it must be asked whether their guilt is larger than the responsibility of Dr. Klaus Fuchs who received a 14 years' sentence.

"Kol Ha'am" reported a cable of congratulations received from "Rude Pravo", the organ of the Czech Communist party. This piece of news was the subject of much ironical comment in the Hebrew press. "We wish you many successes during the coming year," the Prague cable ran, and "Davar" asks how many new trials they regard as a success.

Several newspapers report a deepening of the crisis within Mapam following a decision taken by the party majority to send a delegate to the session of the Communist youth federation in Prague. "Mahnot Olim," the youth movement of the Kibbutz Meuhad, strongly opposes the sending of a delegation, and according to "Ha'aretz" the future of Mapam depends upon the decisions to be taken at the present session of the Kibbutz Artzi executive.

"Omer" (Histadrut) comments on the participation of Israel representatives in the Rangoon conference of the Asian Socialist parties, stressing the importance of the meeting from a Socialist and an Israel point of view.

"Herut" in a special statement announced that the party newspaper is not backed by any trusts or big capitalist and that it needs therefore 5,000 new subscriptions during the next three months in order to overcome the difficulties facing it.

## Social & Personal

President Ben-Zvi yesterday received Mr. Bechor Shitreet, Minister of Police, and a delegation of Muslim and Christian Arabs from Nazareth. The delegation invited the President to visit Nazareth. The President also received a delegation of the Executive Board of Bnei Brith in Israel. Members of the delegation were Judge S. Kassan, Dr. J. Masur, Mr. I. Epstein, Mr. J. Braude and Mrs. A. Ephrony. The President also received Mr. Theodore Hatsiglui, Public Relations Director of the Jewish National Fund.

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The Ambassador in London and Mrs. Elath gave a luncheon party in London last week in honour of the Yugoslav Ambassador and Mme Vidic. The other guests included the Hon. Kenneth and Mrs. Younger, Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Nutting, Mr. and Mrs. Colin Coote, and Mr. and Mrs. P. Lepheim.

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Miss Dorothy Kahn, Chief of Social Service Section, Department of Social Affairs, United Nations, has arrived to advise the Ministry of Social Welfare on questions of organization of social welfare services and coordination between public and voluntary welfare work.

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Mr. Itzhak Katz, former Secretary-General of the Tel Aviv Chamber of Commerce, has been appointed Director-General of the Jewish Agency's Economic Department.

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The Rt. Hon. Hugh Gaitskell, M.P., former Chancellor of the Exchequer, will deliver the first of a series of three lectures on "Economic Planning," this evening at 8.30 at the Ratisbonne Building (Hall 12), Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Hebrew University.

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A memorial meeting for Lt.-Col. F.L.O. Guy, late chief of Archaeological Survey and Excavations of the Department of Antiquities, is to be held at 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech in Jerusalem at 8.30 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday). Dr. Walter Clay Lowdermilk, soil conservation expert, and Mr. S. Yeivin, Director of the Department, are to speak. Dr. Leo Kohn of the Foreign Ministry will represent Mr. Sharett who had intended to deliver an address.

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Dr. Y. A. Seligmann will speak on "The Beginnings of Biblical Commentaries and their General Outlines," at Terra Sancta, Jerusalem, at 8.30 this evening, under the auspices of the Israel Society for Biblical Research.

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The first of the new series of concerts for Tel Aviv school children, arranged by the Tel Aviv Municipality, the Ministry of Education and the Central Parents Committee, will be held at the Ohel Shem Hall, Tel Aviv, at 4.30 p.m. on Tuesday. The military orchestra will be conducted by Rav-Seren Shalom Riklis. The flautist will be Bamal Israel Borochov.

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BIRTH

TEKOAH — To Ruth (nee Weidenfeld), wife of Yossi Tekoah, on Friday, January 2, 1953, at the En-Geddi Hospital, Tel Aviv—a daughter, Michal.

## New Mt. Zion Abbot Named by Vatican

The Rev. Father Leo Rudloff, O.S.B., Prior and Apostolic Administrator of the Dormition Abbey on Mount Zion, has been officially named Abbot by the Holy See. Father Leo is now in Rome on his way back to Jerusalem from the U.S. and on Tuesday he will be blessed as Abbot by Monsigneur Eugene Cardinal Tisserant, Secretary of the Oriental Congregation in Rome.

The new Abbot succeeds Dom Maurus Kaufman, O.S.B., the late Abbot of the Dormition Abbey, who died in Jerusalem in 1949. Father Leo, who is an American, came to Jerusalem as Apostolic Administrator about two years ago.

### MR. LEON LAPIDUS

We are happy to state that an I.N.A. report from Stockholm, published on December 29 last, announcing the death of Mr. Leon Lapidus, was unfounded.

The veteran Swedish Zionist is "alive and well," according to a telegram he has sent his sister in Jerusalem.

## Indian Plan Will Aid Solution in Korea

LUCKNOW, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Nehru told Church representatives from 23 countries here yesterday that India's resolution on Korea passed by the U.N. General Assembly last month was a "kind of basis" which might help in future to solve the deadlock.

He said the resolution had brought about a powerful peace sentiment in the U.N. and had also saved the situation from deteriorating, since the type of resolutions moved earlier in the U.N. would have made the situation worse.

The Prime Minister was addressing the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches which has been meeting here since Wednesday.

Premier Nehru said that in the world today there were four big countries. Two of them — the U.S. and U.S.S.R. — were advanced industrially and technologically, and two relatively backward — India and China — but both with vast populations and great potential resources. To understand the situation in the Far East it was necessary to understand the new China which, he said, was a great power within its domain and was likely to become stronger.

Referring to what he described as an "alarming situation on the African continent," the Indian Prime Minister said: "In the world today it is quite impossible for any country to carry on on the basis of racial superiority."

## NEW FACTORY ZONE OPENED AT AFFULA

HAIFA, Sunday. — A new compound of "ready-made," standard factory buildings, was opened in Affula by the Bayside Land Corporation last week. Three buildings, totalling 2,000 sq.m. floor space, and a service building, offering conveniences and a cafeteria are ready for use. One factory, a macaroni plant, has already started work. The compound is situated on a 20-dunam site.

The corporation has built ten similar compounds totalling 20,000 sq.m. of floor space throughout the country since 1937, and six more compounds are under construction and nine more are planned for 1953. Mr. Lee Harris, Corporation manager, said here. Over 5,000 workers are already employed in various enterprises housed in these compounds. The Labour Ministry had extended loans to cover about one-third of the cost, he said.

Mr. E. Sela, of the Ministry said that it had loaned over IL.2m. for factory buildings during the last three years, and a further IL.1.5m. for industrial development. The money was loaned to companies and local authorities for 12 years at 4½ per cent interest.

## Air France to Start Teheran-Lyydа Service

LYDDA, Sunday (ITIM). — A newly-scheduled air route from Paris to Teheran, stopping at Lydda, has been inaugurated by Air France, and the first plane is expected here on January 7, representatives of the Company said yesterday.

The plane will stop at Lydda on Thursdays on its way to Teheran, and will return on Fridays to pick up passengers for Paris and New York.

## BUILDING CONTRACTORS WANT DE-CONTROL

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Building Contractors' Union is to ask the Government to abolish recent building regulations, and to ease controls on building materials.

## At the Cinema

FOLLOWING "The Men", that courageous semi-documentary about the physical and psychological rehabilitation of paraplegic U.S. war veterans, "Bright Victory" (Edison, J'lem) dealing with the readjustment of blinded soldiers, it a fair, honest and human picture. It is encouraging to see the rich resources of a wealthy country at the service of its invalids though we wonder what happens to those without prosperous parents and families in a poor country. The photography and acting are remarkable, especially of the hero, Arthur Kennedy and his girl-friend, Peggy Dow.

### Lady in Trinidad

RITA Hayworth does it again and she has never been sexier than in "Affair in Trinidad" (Zion, J'lem), where she appears as a night-club song and dance star, whose painter husband is murdered. So his brother, Glenn Ford (Rita's "Gilda" partner) arrives from the States just in time in investigate the mystery behind the murder. What turns up behind the Trinidad curtain but atomic-espionage? In any case a highly entertaining murder mystery.

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### Apaches

"ONLY the Valiant" (Orah, Haifa) varies the old theme of the forlorn outpost in the West resisting fearful odds. In this case Gregory Peck who has to take unwarranted blame for the death of his rival in love (why in cinema must a crisis be created where real life would correct in a single word?) leads a patrol of seven to hold the pass against the Apaches, until relief reaches the main fort.

One by one the men are eliminated; cowardice, desertion, sabotage and those who make good, each in turn, appear to play their share in developing the story. The new invention of dynamite fails to impress the enemy, but the relieving force arrives with another new invention, the Gatling gun. In spite of stilted acting throughout and lack of novelty in treatment, the film holds the audience's interest.

### Post-War Italy

DE Santis' film, "Caccia Tragica" (Atzmon, Haifa), in Italian, opens to a good start. The newly married couple get a lift on a lorry to their village and their unabashed kissing arouses the friendly banter of the men cycling to work in the early morning mist. But the truck, which is carrying the Government subsidy to the farmers is held up, robbed, the driver and cashier killed and the bride kidnapped.

For this is Italy just after the war, of reconstruction work midst the ruins of gangster German deserters and ex-collaborationists. The peasants mass, retrieve the stolen funds, fumbling through their new found sense of organization.

At this point "Caccia Tragica" fails to make the mark. Instead of letting the facts speak for themselves, it indulges in long preaching and speeches. The one figure in heroic cast, the lady gangster, slips into melodrama. Human kindness, the hallmark of post-war Italian cinema, becomes sentimentalism, blurring the finale when the injured recognize the criminal's point of view.

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## Sunderland Top League Table Again

By Akiva Kalman

Sunderland, collecting three points from games in 1953, including a smashing 3-1 win against Arsenal on Saturday, went to the top of the English Football League Division I with 32 points. West Bromwich Albion, who were slammed 5-0 at Burnley on Saturday, dropped to second spot, with 31 points, after temporarily holding top place following a smashing 5-3 win at Newcastle on New Year's Day.

Wolves suffered a surprising defeat at home by London's Charlton Athletic, 1-2, on Saturday and share third spot with Burnley, both having 30 points. Despite their loss on Saturday, Arsenal are still a force to be reckoned with for the League honours, for they have 28 points, four less than Sunderland, but have three games in hand.

A crucial Second Division game on Saturday between the two top sides resulted in a one all draw at Huddersfield, where the Town entertained Sheffield United, the leaders. The latter had previously provided New Year's Day's surprise by losing 4-1 at home to Rotherham United. They still hold a three point, 38 to 35, lead over Huddersfield, who have played one game less.

### Nine Points Lead

There seems to be no stopping Bristol Rovers in the Third Division South, who notched up 2-0 home win against Walsall to increase their points tally to 42. Three teams lie nine points away, Northampton Town, who lost 3-1 were held to a one-all draw at home by Swindon, and the leaders townsmen, Bristol City, who beat Brighton well on their own ground, 1-0.

In the Northern section, Oldham are creeping away from their nearest rivals. In an important promotion game on Saturday they defeated contenders York City, on their own pitch, 2-1, and now lead with 38 points, five more than Grimsby Town, who faltered badly last week. The "Fishermen" lost 2-1 at Tranmere on Thursday and then went down at home 2-3 to Bradford Saturday. They have 33 points, and York City and Wrexham, who drew at Barrow, both 32.

### Scottish Honours Chase

In the Scottish League, Division A, still cling to the lead, chased hard by Hibernian and Rangers. The "Fliers" followed their New Year Day's 5-0 draw against Raith Rovers away, with a 3-1 home win over Falkirk, and have 36 points. Hibernian, with a game in hand, registered a 2-1 away win over Hearts Thursday and slammed home a 7-2 win against Motherwell on Saturday to raise their points total to 33 Rangers made it a 1953 "double" by following a 1-0 mid-week hours victory over Celtic, with a 2-0 win away against Third Lanark, and are in third place with 32 points, with three games in hand over East Fife and two over Hibs, Celtic and St. Mirren, who both lost on New Year's Day, and whose Saturday games were postponed, both have 31 points.

Hamilton Academicals are coming back to form in the Division B promotion struggle, which they topped earlier in the season, and following two smashing wins, are now one point behind Stirling Albion, although they have played one game more. The amateurs slammed home a 6-0 away win against Albion Rovers on the first day of the year, and then beat fourth placed Morton, 5-3, on Saturday. They have 28 points. Stirling Albion on January 1 drew 2-2 at Morton in another important match, and edged Dunfermline 3-2 Saturday to bring their points total to 29. Arbroath, who drew 0-0 at Forfar mid-week and beat Albion Rovers 2-1 at home over the week-end, have 25 points and are still in race.

SATURDAY'S RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: Div. I: Aston V. 3, Derby C. 0; Bolton W. 4, Blackp'l 0; Burnley 5, West Brom. 0; Man. U. 1, Man. C. 1; Portsm'th 2, Chelsea 0; Preston N.E. 3, Middl'bro 2; Sheff. W. 2, Cardiff 0; Stoke 3, Liverp'l 1; Sunderl'd 3, Arsenal 1; Tottenham 3, Newcastle 3; Wolves 1, Charlton 2. Div. II: Bristol'd 1, Hull C. 0; Doncaster 2, Lincoln 0; Everton 5, Blackb'n 1; Fulham 3, Birm'ham 1; Hudd'sf'ld 1, Sheff. U. 1; Leic. C. 4, S'hampton 1; Notts. F. 1, Notts. C. 0; Plym'th 6, Leeds 1; Rotherham 1, Luton 3; Swansea 3, Barnsley 0; West Ham 3, Bury 2. Div. III (S): Bournem'th 4, Leyton O. 1; Brighton 6, Bristol C. 1; Brix. R. 2, Wrid'ton 0; Colch'ter 3, Aldershot 2; Coy. C. 2, Q.P.R. 0; Exeter 3, Shrews'y 2; Millwall 5, Gill'ham 1; Newp't 3, Cry. P. 2; Norwich 1, Swindon 1; Read'g 1, Ipswich 1; Southend 3, N'hampton 1; Watf'd 1, Torquay 1. Div. III (N): Barrow 1, Wrexham 1; Bradford C. 2, Chester 2; Chesterf'd 2, Halifax 1; Darl'gton 1, Crewe A. 1; Gateh'd 1, S'thp't 2; Grimsby 2, Bradf'd 3; Hartl'p'ls 1, Carlisle 0; Rochdale 1, Port V. 1; Stockp't 1, Scunth'pe 1; Tranmere 1, Mansf'd T. 0; Work'gt'n 3, Acc. S. 0; York C. 1, Oldham 2. SCOTTISH LEAGUE. Div. A: Airdrie 1, Hearts 2; Dundee 4, Clyde 1; E. Fife 3, Falkirk 1; Hibs. 7, Moth'well 3; Th. Lanark 2, Rangers 2; Celtic vs. Aberdeen, Partick vs. Queen o' S'th, St. Mirren vs. Raith R. postponed. Div. B: Arbroath 2, Alloa 0; Cowd'nb'th 0, Dundee U. 0; Dumb'n'n 2, Ayr. U. 3; Hamilton Ac. 3, Morton 0; Kilm'n'k 0, Quee. Pk. 1; Stenh'sm'r 3, Albion R. 1; Stird'g 3, Dunf'ml'ne 2; St. Johnstone 2, Forfar 2.

NEW YEAR'S DAY RESULTS: ENGLISH LEAGUE: Div. 1: Bolton 1, Chelsea 2; Man. U. 1, Derby 0; Midd'sbro 2, Sheff. W. 2; Newcastle 3, West Brom 5; Preston N.E. 4, Blackp'l 2; Sundl'd 2, Aston V. 2; Div. II: Blackb'n 3; Notts. C. 2; Bury 3, Plym'th 2; Everton 2, Barnsl'y 1; Sheff. U. 1, Bath'hams 4; Div. III (N): Acc. S. 3, Bradf'd 2; Barrow 3, Chesterf'd 1; Carl'sle 2, Stockp't 1; Darl'gt'n 2, Mans'd T. 1; Gateh'd 3, Rochdale 1; Hart'p'ls 0, Brad. C. 0; S'thp't 2, Scunth'pe 3; Tranmere 2, Grimsby 1; SCOTTISH LEAGUE: Div. A: Aberd'n 2, Dundee 2; Clyde 2, Partick 2, Falk'k 5, Th. Lanark 1; Hearts 1, Hibs. 2; M'well 4, Airdrie 1; Qun. Sth. 4, St. Mirren 3; Raith 0, E. Fife 0; Rangers 1, Celtic 0. Div. B: Albion R. 0, Hamilton Ac. 6; Alloa 2, Stenh'sm'r 2; Ayr 6, Kilm'nock 2; Dundee U. 1, St. Johnstone 0; Dumf'ml'ne 2, Cowd'nb'th 1; Forfar 0, Arbr'th 4; Morton 2, Stird'g 2; Qun. Pk. 1, Dumb'n'n 0. RUGBY (at Perpignan): Southern France 13, Australia 19 (halftime 8-5).

## Where to go

★ JERUSALEM ★

9-6: Jerusalem Biblical Zoo: Reserve. Bus 15. Feeding times 2-3 p.m.

8.30-12.30; 2-6: American Library and Reading Room: U.S. Consulate, Mamilla Road. Entrance Free.

9-1; 2-5: Exhibitions: Travelling exhibition on Leonardo da Vinci, on the occasion of the 500th anniversary of his birth. Graphic Art, by Israeli artists, recent acquisitions. Exhibit of the Months: Russian Icons, 15th Century. Recent acquisitions of the National Bezalel Museum, Bezalel Museum.

9-1; Archaeological Exhibition, Dept. of Antiquities. Also Temporary exhibition—Recent acquisitions 25 Rehov Shlomo Hamelech.

10-1; 4-6: Exhibition of oils, drawings and illustrations by Avigdor Arikha, Artists House.

10-5: Sanhedria Tombs.

11.30-12.30 Film Show at Koren Haycraft Head Office.

9 p.m.: "The Picture of Dorian Grey," Israel Film Society. Y.M.C.A. Hall.

★ TEL AVIV ★

8 p.m.: "Saint Joan" Chamber Theatre. Mograbi Hall.

10-1; Memorial exhibition of the artist, Menahem Shemi (Schmidt); 126 paintings and drawings of the Habimah and Ohel Theatres decors. Museum.

★ HAIFA ★

8.30 p.m.: Li-La-Lo Theatre. Wonderful Revue: "It Will Be Good." Armon Hall.

★ HADERA ★

8. p.m. "The Women Have Their Way" Chamber Theatre.

## JERUSALEM CINEMAS

At 3, 6.30 & 8.30

ARNON: I'll Get By.

EDEN: The Law and the Lady.

EDISON: Bright Victory.

OR-GIL: Starlift.

ORION: Under My Skin.

STUDIO: The Skipper Surprises His Wife.

ZION: Affair in Trinidad.

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THIEVES BROKE into three places on Wednesday night and made off with 2,000 metres of linen and flannel from the stores of the Ministry of Health at Rehov 28, in Jaffa.

## Notices to the Public

EMPLOYMENT OF WAR INVALIDS IN TRANSPORT SERVICES

We hereby remind urban and interurban transport services and the general public, that in accordance with the War Invalids Labour Regulations, 1951, and with the War Invalids Labour Regulations (Amendment) 1952, most but not all invalids are entitled to employment in the sale or control of tickets or in car park keeping, and no person is allowed to employ other than war invalids in the above positions.

Violators of this regulation will be liable to up to six months imprisonment or up to IL.50 fine, or both.

MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, REHABILITATION DEPT., Competent Authority for Matters Concerning the Employment of War Invalids.

No. 391.

EMPLOYMENT OF WAR INVALIDS IN PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

We hereby remind all places of entertainment (cinemas, theatres, concerts, circuses, exhibitions, performances, conventions, etc.) and the general public, that in accordance with the War Invalids Labour Regulations, 1951 and in accordance with the War Invalids Labour Regulations (Amendment) 1952, no person other than war invalids are entitled to work as ushers or ticket controllers and no person can employ other than war invalids in the above mentioned positions.

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No. 392.

BOOKS OF POSTAGE STAMPS

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## ON THE AIR

JERUSALEM: 467 M.; HAIFA: 249 M.; TEL AVIV: 413, 31.3 & 51.2 M.

FIRST PROGRAMME

NEWS: Hebrew: 7 a.m., 7.30, 12.30, 1.30, 8.15, 8.30 & 12.00 p.m. Arabic Programme (including News): 8.03 a.m., 1.15 & 6.00 p.m.

6.10 p.m. Survey. 6.30 Exercises. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 8.30 Close Down.

10.30 a.m. Music While You Work (R). 11.00 Requests (R). 11.40 Housewives' Corner (R). 12.03 Programme for Hospitals (R). 12.50 Concert: Haifa Symphony Or. 155 (Mozart): "Concerto de Aranjuez" (Rodrigo); "Les Preludes" (Liszt). 1.45 Programme Announcements. 1.48 Break for Music (R). 3.00 Close Down.

4.00 p.m. Variety (R). 4.30 Musical Ministerial (R). 5.00 Recital: Natan Pinzuk, B. Mosko Lustig. 5.30 Child's Corner. 5.40 Children's Hour. 7.00 Variety. 7.02 Programme Announcements. 7.10 - Kol Yisrael Orchestra, Conductor Concerto Grosso (Vivaldi); Overture "Euryanthe" (Mozart-Weber); Serenade for Strings (Tchaikowsky); Symphony No. 46 (Haydn). 7.45 Talk. 8.00 "Midrashot." 8.24 Bible Reading. 8.45 Answer to the Crown. 9.03 Curtain Up. 9.45 Piano Recital: Motets, Kaufer-Reuchea Folk Songs. 10.15 Lectures. 11.05 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

463, 226, 216, 43.9 M.

English News: 1.45 p.m. 10.10 p.m. 4.30 p.m. Works by Handel (R). 4.45 Message to Immigrants. 5.00 Programme for Yemenites. 6.20 Pirkei Avot Instn. 6.30 Music (R). 6.40 Agriculture. 6.45 Close Down.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (31.1, 34.9 & 468 M.): Friends. 6.30 p.m. Lod.an. 7.00 p.m. Yiddish. 7.20 p.m.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (31.1 M.): 11.15 News. 11.30 "Kinneret" (Lavry). 11.45 "Heard and Read." 11.45 A Visit to a Temple.

ARMY PROGRAMME (41.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 Recital. 7.20 Requests. 7.50 Today's Events. 7.57 The Soldier on the Civilian. 8.00 Melodies. 8.30 News. 8.45 Works by Mozart, Beethoven & Dvorak. 10.00 Close Down.

VOICE OF AMERICA: Hebrew Programme: 8-8.30 p.m. (13, 16, 19, 25 M.): Agriculture Today.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCASTS: (26.92 & 30.51 M.): 6.30-7.00 p.m. News: News Talk. Echoes from the World.

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| Interest not credited to other accounts | 304.180 | Loss transferred from Fire & Marine insurance business | 134.916 |
| Loss for the year | 867.818 | General Expenses not debited to other accounts: | |
| | | Head Office | 666.053 |
| | | Local Office | 371.029 |
| | | Appropriations: | |
| | | Income Taxes | —.— |
| | IL.1,171.998 | | IL.1,171.998 |

ISRAEL PROFIT and LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1951

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| Interest not credited to other accounts | 272.700 | Loss transferred from Fire & Marine insurance business | 3,302.676 |
| Loss for the year | 5,774.776 | General Expenses not debited to other accounts: | |
| | | Head Office | 2,181.370 |
| | | Local Offices | 563.730 |
| | | Appropriations: | |
| | | Income Taxes | —.— |
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### THE WEATHER

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| Mt. Casa'as | 49 | 9 | 16 | 13 |
| Tiberias | 39 | 17 | 24 | 23 |
| Haifa | 44 | 15 | 26 | 21 |
| Nathanya | 47 | 17 | 26 | 21 |
| Hakirya | 55 | 15 | 23 | 21 |
| Lydda Airport | 49 | 15 | 24 | 22 |
| Jerusalem | 43 | 14 | 19 | 16 |
| Beersheba | 50 | 17 | 27 | 24 |
| Eilath | 54 | 19 | 27 | 24 |

FORECAST: Fair to partly cloudy and hazy.

"A) Humidity at 5 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maxim. yesterday. D) Maxim. temp. expected today.

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23 RAMLE GREENGROCERS closed their shops yesterday in protest against the action of the Municipality in issuing licences to new greengrocers in the town.

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TWO BABIES were abandoned by their mother in the Lydda offices of the Ministry of Welfare yesterday. They were boarded out to families in Ramle and Lydda and the Police are searching for the mother, Sarah Gotlieb, 24.

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CHARGED WITH illegally transporting 24 sacks of potatoes in his car last November, Ya'acov Agasi, a 42-year-old driver of Tel Aviv, was sentenced to three months' imprisonment in lieu of a fine by the Tel Aviv Anti-Profiteering Court yesterday.

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CHARGED WITH creating a disturbance by screaming threats at the cashier in the ticket counter of Armon David cinema in Tel Aviv last July, a 17-year-old youth was sentenced to two months' imprisonment by the Tel Aviv Magistrate.

## David Aboulafia Buried in Capital

David Aboulafia, lawyer and former Jerusalem City Councillor, was buried yesterday at Givat Shaul cemetery in Jerusalem. He died suddenly on Saturday night in Tel Aviv at the age of 59.

Eulogies were delivered at the Sha'rei Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem by the Chief Rabbi, Benzion Uziel; the Minister of Police, Mr. Behor Shitreet, and the Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. M. Glickman-Porush. Sgan-Aluf Yosef Carmel represented the President at the funeral.

David Aboulafia was born in Turkey. He studied law at the University of Istanbul and at the outbreak of war in 1914 was commissioned in the Turkish Army. He served as aide to Kismet Inonu, who later became President of Turkey. Mr. Aboulafia came to Palestine in 1918 with the Turkish Army, returned to Turkey, and then, after the war, came back to Palestine where he settled and married. He was a member of the Executive of the Vaad Leumi and a leader of the Sephardi Community. A wife and three sons survive him.

Dr. A. Amdur and Mr. R. Shari paid tributes to Mr. Aboulafia at last night's meeting of the Jerusalem City Council.

## MINISTRY OFFICIALS GREETED BY SAPHIR

Mr. Yosef Saphir, Minister of Communications, paid his first official visit to the Ministry offices yesterday afternoon. He was introduced by Mr. Z. Shind, Director-General, to the leading officials of the Ministry.

In a short speech Mr. Saphir said that he had two main aims: the improvement of the existing transport system with corresponding economies, and the exploitation of transport for the development of the country within the framework of a long-term plan.

## P.L.D.C. Bonus Shares

Shareholders of the Palestine Land Development Co., Ltd., are to receive bonus shares to the amount of five and a half per cent of their shareholdings, in addition to the interim dividend of 35 pruta per pound share, which had been decided upon earlier.

This was decided upon by the Board of Directors which met on December 29. It was also resolved to continue the current financial year till March 31, 1953, as for procedural reasons it would not be possible to finalise the change-over of the Company from a British to an Israel firm before that date.

## TECHNION TO PUBLISH BUILDING JOURNAL

The first issue of "In the Field of Building," a new monthly published by the Technion Research and Development Foundation Ltd., will appear next week.

The journal, which will contain information of interest to engineers, architects, contractors, foremen and others engaged in the building profession, is edited by Mrs. Rahel Shalon, Associate Professor.

## RATION NEWS

TEL AVIV DISTRICT: Eggs: 3. Hot 36. Zones 1, 2, 11, 12.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Eggs: 3. Hot 34, temp. 7. For Pregnant Women: 5, No. 13. For Invalids: 4 eggs. Hot Aleph 1; 3, Hot Bet 1; 2, Hot Gimel 1. Managed Necessaries: Beersheba and Eilath, 250 grams. Hob 25, temp. 47. Other places — 500 grams for grade A, Kaf 41, 270 grams for grade B, Tradi 23, temp. 46. For Pregnant Women: 500 grams, No. 25. For Invalids: 500 grams, No. 1.

Honey will be decontrolled as from today.

## Rokach Will Quit As Mayor 'In Due Course'

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Acting Mayor Haim Levanon announced at the Municipal Council meeting tonight that Mayor Israel Rokach had asked him to inform the Council that he had no intention of remaining Mayor and would resign "in due course when the Council was ready to elect a new mayor."

When assuming the post of Minister of the Interior, Mr. Rokach did not resign, but merely handed his chair over to Mr. Levanon, stating that he was "precluded from performing his duties as Mayor."

Mr. Mosho Ichilov, leader of the Herut faction, bitterly objected to the phrase "in due course" or, as Mr. Levanon said later, "shortly." Mr. Ichilov said that the law enjoined that a new mayor be elected immediately. He was joined by the Communist and Mapam factions.

The Histadrut faction pointed out that Mr. Rokach could not remain Mayor or Councillor as those posts were incompatible with his ministerial job. They urged that a formal change be made "as soon as possible."

Rabbi Avraham Boyer (Hapoel Hamizrahi) raised the question of unemployment in the city, claiming that it was the duty of the municipality to care for the 2,000 now jobless here. Mr. A. Kamini (Histadrut) concurred with the demand, which was referred to the Finance Committee.

The Council today began a discussion, which will last several sessions, on the fixing of a new scale of business tax in the city, ranging from IL.6 to IL.1,000 (the present maximum is IL.250). There are 144 categories of business to be considered.

### Corruption Charges

Mr. Ichilov has asked Mr. Levanon to explain why three employees of the Municipal Maintenance Department who are being investigated by the State Controller are still working.

A decision to suspend the employees, Mr. E. Fichman, head of the Maintenance Department; Mr. A. Vinik, Chief Contractor; and Mr. E. Halperin, a deputy of Mr. Fichman, until their case is cleared was taken by the Municipal Finance Committee last Wednesday, a Municipal source revealed tonight.

The investigation by the State Controller is the culmination of a year-long investigation by Municipal Committees of charges of corruption in the Maintenance Department. The charge against the three employees was officially stated as "disloyalty to their duties." Mr. Ichilov's complaint will be taken up at the Municipal Finance committee's meeting next on Wednesday.

## H.U. Students Protest Fine on Registration

A new dispute has broken out between the Hebrew University administration and the student body following a recent University decision to require students who registered after the December 20 deadline to pay a IL. 5 fine.

The students' committee decided to reject the fine, voting that those who registered late — about 1,000 — were forced to do so because they had been in financial difficulties. The committee also ordered those students who are paying their fees in instalments to discontinue payments.

A general meeting of the students is scheduled to be held next week and further action will be discussed.

## 40 Dismissed At Agency Stores Demonstrate

RAMLE, Sunday (ITIM)—Work at the Jewish Agency stores near Sarafand was interrupted today by 40 men who received dismissal notices. A three-man Histadrut committee had ruled last week that owing to less work the stores' new employees should work 12 days a month, veteran workers three weeks a month and 40 men, clerks and labourers, should be dismissed.

## ADOBE HOUSE BUILT IN RAMAT GAN

RAMAT GAN, Sunday. — An experimental adobe house has been built in the Municipal Garden here by Mr. Yeshayahu Burstein, who mixed Portland cement with earth.

The 30-centimetre thick walls have a resistance of three kilograms a square centimetre, or more than double that of good quality bricks used in low-priced buildings, according to Mr. Burstein.

## 'Flying Cigar' Over Haifa

HAIFA, Sunday. — Four men returning from work in the Haifa Bay area to town saw a "flying cigar" emerge from the clouds over the quarry at km. 4.5 on the Haifa-Nazareth road at 4.12 p.m., one of them told *The POST* today.

The object was fairly low, was cigar-shaped, and moved at great speed. Three bright lights, at either end and in the centre, made the object clearly visible, he said.

The "cigar" disappeared in 80 to 90 seconds after it changed direction over Neve Sha'anan.

Two flying saucers were seen over Mt. Carmel last Tuesday by several persons.

## Gov't to Pay All Salaries By 22nd

Civil servants will receive their December salaries in two instalments, the Civil Service Commission announced last night.

The first half will be paid not later than January 12 (as reported yesterday), and the second not later than January 22. Teachers will receive the entire salary on January 15.

## Jailed 5 Years for Receiving Stolen Bezalel Miniatures

Imra Hauspeter, 40, pleaded guilty in the Jerusalem District Court yesterday to receiving *objets d'art* which he knew to have been stolen from the Bezalel Museum and was sentenced to five years' imprisonment.

Charged with having broken into the Museum on May 21, 1952, stealing antiques valued at IL.25,000 and handing them over to Hauspeter, Yehuda Weinberger appeared in Court together with Hauspeter. Hauspeter melted down the gold miniatures and sold it in Tel Aviv for IL.160.

The trial of Weinberger is to be continued tomorrow.

The five *objets d'art* were stolen in May. They were a tiara, a perfume bottle, a mezuza, a picture frame, and a miniature Ark of the Covenant. They date from the 19th century.

## Guard Jailed For Killing Captive

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — The Tel Aviv District Court today sentenced Yitzhak Gold, 28, a grove watchman of Ashdod, to seven and a half years in prison for killing a captive marauder from Gaza on October 28, 1951.

Gold shot the marauder after he had been handed over to him by watchmen of the Custodian for Abandoned Property near Ashdod, for transfer to the Migdal Ascalon police station.

In passing the sentence, Judge Benjamin Cohen said that the arrest of the marauder by civilians who in turn handed over to another civilian, was in itself an illegal action. Gold had no right to shoot the marauder even if he tried to escape or to attack him.

## Robbers Thwarted By Tel Aviv Woman

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Two young men entered a one-room penthouse flat in Rehov Yavne here today and told its occupant, Miss Pnina Eisenkatz, that they were constables and wanted her to surrender her dollars.

The woman said she knew nothing about dollars, whereupon she was requested to show her identity card. When she turned to her cupboard the intruders grabbed her from the back, but found that Miss Eisenkatz was too strong for them. She disentangled herself and her screams brought in help. The attackers escaped.

## Weekend Crime Wave in Tel Aviv

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — More than 40 thefts and burglaries were committed in the Tel Aviv area over the weekend.

Cloth valued at IL.3,000 was stolen from the store of Mr. Yitzhak Futterman in Sderot Rothschild. Clothing valued at IL.2,000 was stolen from Mr. Moshe Nurok's shop in Rehov Hakishon.

The flat of Mr. Yitzhak German, in Rehov Shalom Aleichem, was broken into and jewellery valued at IL.4,500 and IL. 400 in cash were taken. From S. Mizrahi's flat in Rehov Manne items valued at IL.3,500 were stolen.

The other thefts were relatively small, and the total value of the goods taken amounted to about IL.2000. The thieves broke into storerooms and flats by forcing doors, windows, shutters and locks.

A MINISTRY OF COMMERCE and Industry official was detained in Jaffa on Friday when found in illegal possession of 2,150 tea and coffee coupons.

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| Number of Matters: | 1) Civil Case 167/51, 2) Civil Case 168/51. |
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| Date of Appointment: | 25th December, 1952. |
| Last day for Receiving Proofs: | 15th February, 1953. H. KADMON, Official Receiver and Liquidator. |

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## 1,000 Families Leave Cities For Farms

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Some 4,000 urban families have registered for farms under the Histadrut's "from town to country" scheme since it was instituted in July, 1952, the Histadrut Executive's Central Committee was told by Mr. Y. Haskin today.

Of those who registered, 1,000 families have already moved to their new homes, mainly in cooperative villages (including four new villages founded under the scheme) and the others to kibbutzim.

Slightly more than half of those who registered left homes and permanent work in the towns, while 26 per cent were unemployed. Arrangements are now being made to provide farm homes for the others who have registered, but have not yet moved.

The General Committee also discussed the employment situation and decided that the full Executive Committee should discuss the unemployment situation. The question will be raised by the Central Committee members at tomorrow's meeting of the Government's Economic Council.

## 23,370 IMMIGRATED TO ISRAEL IN 1952

A total of 23,370 persons immigrated to Israel in 1952 — bringing the total since May 15, 1948 to 707,645 — according to tentative figures released yesterday by the Jewish Agency. The figure for 1951 was 173,901.

Of the 1952 total, 7,652 came from Morocco, Tunisia and Algeria, 1,150 from Tripoli, 4,860 from Persia, 3,712 (during the first few months of 1952) from Rumania, 1,060 from Western Europe and 800 from North and South America.

## AGENCY TO HELP 1,000 SOCIAL CASES

TEL AVIV, Sunday.— The Jewish Agency is prepared to set up huts near the larger towns, to help rehabilitate 1,000 disabled immigrants living at present on a small allowance in Pardess Hanna, and to provide them with an opportunity to earn a living, the Absorption Department told a delegation representing the social cases here today.

The Jewish Agency hopes to secure the cooperation of Local Authorities and Municipalities in their scheme.

## Foreign Attorneys Find Difficulties in Exams

TEL AVIV, Sunday (ITIM). — More than 70 per cent of new immigrant advocates have failed in the examinations given them by the legal authorities and are therefore not permitted to practice here, Mr. Dov Kleppner told a meeting of the Foreign Advocates Association here today. Those who had failed included a lawyer with 20 years' practice in Britain. He did not pass the test in civil procedure.

Speakers demanded that foreign attorneys be permitted to practice without having to pass special examinations. It was claimed that new immigrants trained abroad could learn more of civil law in Israel by serving as court clerks or working as Judges' secretaries than by working as clerks in lawyers' offices. It was suggested that lawyers with foreign diplomas should be allowed to practise while studying at a special seminary which should be set up for them.

## 1,000th Histadrut Kindergarten Feted

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The establishment of the 1,000th kindergarten classroom by the Histadrut Education Centre throughout the country was celebrated with a special party at the Industrial and Commercial Club here tonight. Veteran kindergarten teachers attended.

Speakers said Histadrut kindergartens, in existence for 30 years, now cared for 30,000 children, most of whom were new immigrants or children of working parents of small means.

## Arab, Jewish School Pupils Exchange Visits

Children of the primary school in Jaljulya in the Arab triangle paid a return visit last Friday to the Kfar Saba school children. The children spoke Hebrew freely and joined in class activities. A football match was arranged, which ended in a draw.

There are 310 children in the Jaljulya school, 134 of whom are girls.

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## Taxi Drivers to Strike If New Firm Works

TEL AVIV, Sunday.—A countrywide taxi strike is threatened by the Taxi Drivers Union if the new Arye company begins operations, the Union announced today.

A spokesman for the drivers told *The POST* that the Controller of Road Transport and the Director-General of the Ministry of Communications told the Union that Arye would not be permitted to operate. The drivers claimed that a sudden addition of 80 new taxis on an inter-urban service was more than the demand warranted, and suggested that the vehicles be allotted to present drivers whose cars were worn out.

According to the spokesman, the Arye drivers said they paid $700 each for their vehicles, and had paid import duty and other taxes on that basis. The Union was prepared to offer Arye members a profit of IL.2,000 a vehicle, based on the purchase price of $700.

No date has been fixed for the strike, since no date has been set for Arye to begin operations.

NAZARETH, Sunday. — A protest to the Minister of Communications against the entry of the Arye Taxi company into Nazareth has united the town's 11 taxi owners for the first time. The local men claim that the Tel Aviv company is threatening their only source of livelihood.

The Arye company now has three cars in Nazareth. The locally-owned taxis only carry inter-urban passengers at high rates.

## Tunis Arabs Boycott Jewish Population

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — The Arabs of Tunisia are waging an undeclared but devastatingly effective economic boycott against the Jewish population there, the "Jewish Chronicle" Paris correspondent reports. There is still, however, no tendency toward mass emigration to Israel.

The general feeling among Tunisian Jewry is that the present crisis will pass and that normal relations will be restored.

From Tripoli, it is reported that the dispatch of parcels to Israel has been prohibited by the Libyan Government, and postal and telegraphic communications are expected to be cut off shortly.

## Youth Pleads Guilty To Armed Robbery

HAIFA, Sunday. — Pleading guilty to the armed robbery of a petrol station at Benyamina last June, Liberd Zilikian, 17, of Haifa, was sentenced to four years' imprisonment by Judge Dr. M. Landau in the District Court here today. According to the prosecution, the accused with five men had stolen IL.600 in cash and IL.300 worth of petrol coupons from the station's safe, and had beaten up and tied the watchman. The accused was armed with a revolver.

Passing sentence, Dr. Landau said that despite the accused's youth, his record proved him an experienced criminal. Only his age and the fact that he had given himself up and pleaded guilty, had saved him from a much stricter sentence.

The five others could not be brought to trial for lack of evidence.

1,400 TONS of potatoes are due tomorrow in Haifa from Denmark in the s.s. Borgholm.

## Iran M.P's Fear Majlis Closure

TEHERAN, Sunday. — The Persian Majlis broke up in pandemonium today after efforts to discuss a motion that Premier Mossadegh should not pass any law under the special powers bill which would result in the closure of the present House.

No vote could be taken on the motion, which had been tabled by 15 deputies, because there was no quorum after several members walked out. This was the signal for shouts in which visitors in the galleries joined. One deputy was heard to shout "I have documents to prove they want to close the Majlis." Someone in the gallery called out "Down with the servants of American imperialism."

The motion was the result of an ambiguity in Dr. Mossadegh's proposed electoral law which would raise the strength of the Majlis from 136 to 172 members. Since fewer than 80 deputies have so far been elected, they would not constitute a quorum in an enlarged Majlis.

The Military Governor of Teheran resigned yesterday after Communist students stoned the car of an American "Point Four" official. It is reported that the police chief is also to resign. *(Reuter, UP)*

## 68 FEARED LOST IN SHIPWRECK

MANILA, Sunday, (AFP). — Sixty-eight persons are reported missing after the wreck of the passenger ship Durann off the island of Sebu in the Philippines today. There is little hope of saving any.

Police in Sebu report that only 12 survivors have been rescued but that a search continues.

## Three Boys Perish In Blasting TNT Store

CANTWELL, MISSOURI, Sunday (UP)—A concrete magazine filled with dynamite caps exploded yesterday, killing three youths. State police believe the boys were responsible by shooting into the store with a rifle. Blast hurled 500 pound chunks of concrete 70 metres into the air.

The magazine, owned by the St. Joseph Lead Co., had 10-inch concrete walls and measured four and a half by five and a half metres. It contained 160,000 dynamite caps.

Police said the boys, aged 15, 16 and 17, probably climbed onto the small building and fired down a ventilator pipe. One of the bodies was hurled 100 metres by the explosion.

## E. European Stations Jamming Kol Zion

LONDON, Sunday (INA). — British representatives of Kol Zion Lagola have received reports that Budapest and Bucharest Radios are jamming Kol Zion broadcasts.

There have also been complaints that Russian and Czech stations have been interfering with the programmes. Meanwhile, the jamming of BBC programmes to Israel continues.

## MARITIME LEAGUE SHOW OPENED IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Sunday. — An exhibition designed to acquaint Israel youth with the importance of the sea and seafaring was opened today by Mayor Abba Khoushy.

The display will be on view permanently at the Maritime League's Haifa branch.

## CABINET

(Continued from Page 1)

of the Interior).

INSIGNIA COMMITTEE: Mr. M. Sharett (Minister for Foreign Affairs), chairman, Dr. Burg, Professor S. Dinur (Minister of Education), Dr. Joseph, Mr. Saphir, and Mr. Rokach.

ARAB AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Mr. D. Ben Gurion (Prime Minister), chairman, Mr. Sharett, Mr. Naphtali, Mr. Rosen, Mr. Rokach, Mr. Shitreet.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMITTEE: Mr. Eshkol, chairman, Mr. Rokach, and the Civil Service Commissioner.

### COMMUNIQUE

At its weekly meeting yesterday, the Cabinet approved regulations for its procedure. It also approved the composition of various ministerial committees.

It was decided that Israel should adhere to the Institut International pour l'Unification du Droit Privé (international institute for the codification of civil law).

A proposal regarding the establishment of an Immigrants' Investment Centre was transferred for approval to the Economic Ministerial Committee.

The Cabinet approved the resignation of deputy ministers of the Ministries of Agriculture, Religious Affairs and Welfare, which are to be tabled in the Knesset.

Dr. Shaul Lipshits was appointed Director General of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. Aryeh Meyzel was appointed Director General of the Ministry of the Interior.

The Tenants Bill is to be re-examined by a ministerial committee before it is discussed in the Knesset.

A bill fixing simultaneous elections for Local Authorities and the Third Knesset was approved in principle.

Mr. P. Lavon, Minister without Portfolio, is to act as Foreign Minister during Mr. Moshe Sharett's absence.

Prince Minister David Ben Gurion has left on vacation and Mr. Levi Eshkol, Finance Minister, is to act as Prime Minister in his absence. Mr. Ben Gurion will continue to deal with security matters as Minister of Defence.

## MOTHER AND SON IN U.S. CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Sunday (UP)—Representative Oliver Bolton joined his mother Mrs. Frances Bolton, in the new Congress yesterday and predicted there will be some issues on which "she will vote one way and I another."

Mother and son are both Republicans from Ohio. They are the first such combination ever elected to the American Congress.

## ADULTERY AT 60

EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, Sunday (UP)—A circuit court jury yesterday found 60-year-old Chris Storm, guilty of adultery with a woman of 57. The case was civil action brought by the woman's husband who also filed a counter-claim to a divorce action brought by her.

## Russians Barred From X-mas Crossing

The Jordan Liaison Office yesterday handed over an approved list of some 1,000 Israel Greek Orthodox Christians scheduled to cross the lines on Tuesday morning to celebrate the Orthodox Christmas in Bethlehem and the Old City.

Twenty Russian clergymen living in the Russian Compound in Jerusalem had been struck off the list by the Jordan authorities as inadmissible.

## COMMUNISTS GET NO SEATS ON CHURCH BODY

HAIFA, Sunday. — All 36 places of the Board of the Greek Orthodox Community went to the followers of Mr. Jean Majdalani in elections held at the end of December.

The Communist list, headed by Mr. Hanna Nakkara, the advocate, failed to get a single seat. The Communists have claimed a considerable following among the Greek Orthodox community.

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## Cables in Brief

REQUIEM.—King Frederik IX of Denmark conducted the Royal Orchestra on Saturday night in a Requiem service for his mother Queen Alexandrine who died a week ago. The brief service was held round the Queen's bier in the great hall of Amalienbourg Castle at Copenhagen.

FLIGHT. — A giant U.S. Air Force stratofreighter arrived in Frankfurt non-stop from Westover Field, Massachusetts, on Saturday night, carrying a young American mother racing against time to visit her husband, an Army sergeant who is seriously ill.

LIBERALS. — The Liberal International at a meeting in Amsterdam has decided to join UNESCO, it was announced on Saturday.

MASSACRE. — The traffic death toll for the four-day New Year holiday in America was 295 by Saturday night. Nine others died in plane crashes, 32 in fires and 80 in miscellaneous accidents. The combined Christmas and New Year deaths on the roads was 861 and the total for accidental death was 1,178.

COLLISION:—Five persons died on Saturday night when a station wagon collided with another car on a snow-covered bridge near Williamsburg, Kentucky.

PRIEST. — Prince Chichibu, younger brother of Emperor Hirohito of Japan, died yesterday at Kugenuma, aged 50. He had long suffered from tuberculosis complicated by jaundice.

DROWNING.—Six persons are believed to be dead after a car crammed with 11 American Indians catapulted over a 120 metre embankment into Klenath River near Yreka, California on Saturday.

STRIKE.—Nearly 13,000 teachers in East Punjab schools have struck work for more pay. Some members of the teachers' union, including women, have given notice that they will begin a hunger strike on January 11 unless their demands are met.

TALKS. — Japanese diplomats accredited to Asian countries have begun arriving in New Delhi for a three-day conference beginning on Tuesday. A Japanese Embassy spokesman said the conference will exchange notes on methods of improving Japan's economic, political and cultural relations with the rest of Asia.

CLOSURE. — All Iranian Airways flights have been banned by the Iran Government as a result of last month's crash in which 28 persons were killed. The company has demanded an indemnity from the Justice Department for the loss of business involved.

APPOINTMENT. — Australian External Affairs Minister Richard Casey yesterday announced the appointment of Charles Kevin, 49, career diplomat formerly in London and Delhi, as Minister Plenipotentiary to the Embassy in Djakarta.

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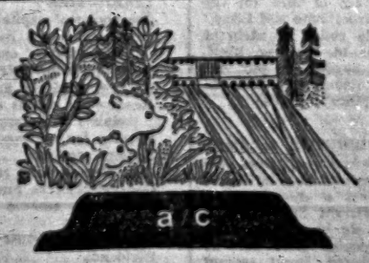

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We deeply regret to announce the untimely death of my beloved wife, my dear sister and our darling daughter
RIVKA JACOBA GOLDBERG (nee Feinstein)
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Gerald Goldberg Varda Feinstein
Rehavia and Lena Avivi (Feinstein)

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## RISING PRICES

THE first tensions since the new coalition have come, as was perhaps to be expected. General Zionist writers and speakers claim that one of the conditions of their Party entering the Government was that there was to be no further rise in prices and rather petulantly point out that this has in fact taken place within the last few days. Petrol, kerosene and bread have gone up as have the rates for installing telephones and the cost of calls.

The claim that the way to economic salvation is to free the Israel pound from control is again heard in the land. This action, it is asserted, will lead to a great increase of exports, and stimulate an influx of money from new immigrants who are hesitant at present to exchange their capital abroad for Israel money at the official rates. Some go so far as to say that the freeing of the pound will actually encourage capitalist immigration, bringing in new investments in greater volume. These issues have still to be debated by the Economic Committee of Ministers, and the public will anxiously await their findings.

Meanwhile the Minister of Finance is under the necessity of balancing his budget, paying government salaries and carrying on the fiscal business of the State with a treasury some IL.20m. short of expectations. The rise in prices is only one of the attempts being tried to bring in more revenue. It is an unpopular measure, especially when bread and fuel are affected, but it is preferable to a resort to the printing press. Yet the hope that spending will be diminished and even savings stimulated by high prices seems hardly likely to materialise. The average citizen today is reducing the amount of goods he buys, but his spending has, if anything, increased as prices now outpace his income.

Nor can the Government hope to find much relief in higher import duties and increased luxury taxes as the law of diminishing returns operates very rapidly in these fields. The money shortage is sure to be with us for some time; and it is gratifying that the temptation to print more currency and issue more treasury bills to cover the gap is being stoutly resisted by Mr. Eshkol. There is a view among some economists that such new money need not be inflationary if it is spent immediately on productive and developmental needs. This view, however, finds little favour. The Government seems inclined to pin its faith not only upon a gradual rise in the price of those goods in everyday use, such as flour and fuel which it imports, but also on improvement in the collection of taxes of all kinds. The feeling of dejection over the higher prices will in a degree be balanced by the Finance Minister's promise that there will be no further increases for three months; but more active measures will have to be taken to reassure the public and restore the atmosphere of confidence in which the drive for the increased productivity, which alone can ensure Israel's economic recovery, can make headway.

The time has obviously come for a new drive on the psychological warfare front. The economic issues should be presented in very simple form. The man in the street must be told the story as it is and shown what his personal part is to be in the work of economic recovery. Some very good work of this kind was done by the Ministry of Information in a similar crisis in Britain a few years ago, and valuable lessons can be learned from the material employed at that time. Last February, when the New Economic Policy was launched, a praiseworthy attempt was made to put the issues clearly before the public. The campaign, however, did not develop sufficient force and was not followed up.

An entirely new psychological approach to the people is required. The people want to know the facts and will also welcome directions as to what they can do to help themselves. It was a great pity, for example, that a rumour that the Government intended to levy a forced loan on Civil Servants' salaries was allowed to go uncontradicted even for twenty-four hours. Instead of such happenings, side by side with a clear exposition of the present situation, there could be, for example, a call to citizens to save their economy by means of a voluntary short term loan.

The Government must not make the mistake of under-rating the loyalty of the people or their real desire to help themselves in hard times.

BEHIND THE MIDDLE EAST NEWS — By Achimoeir

# Shishakly's Perilous Passage

SHISHAKLY's shares on the political stock exchange have rather fallen recently. Putting down a coup against his regime may, if properly exploited, become a prop to his slumping prestige. Especially if it comes from the "left" and there is an intimation of interference by a "certain" power.

To understand Shishakly's position two main factors must be kept in mind. The first concerns his relations with the West. Like the Young Turks nearly half a century before him, Shishakly needs the help and sympathy of the West. The difference is that Shishakly firmly believes that the West needs him even more. So did Kuwatli and Husni Zaim. Shishakly's demands run into gigantic figures (several hundred million dollars) in addition to the several dozen millions he has already received in arms from France and the U.S. He expects that the West will not only think it worth its while but also let him control expenditure.

### Dictators' Demands

What is more, he also prefers that these grants be wrapped up in the terminology of the xenophobia which the regime has encouraged, and that the West will put up with quite an amount of pinpricking, e.g. the turning down of Point Four aid (just enough for a few more blueprints and a few more unpopular foreign experts), the closing down of foreign cultural institutions like the British Council and the limitations imposed on foreign companies. Negotiations with the Iraq Petroleum Company and Aramco on a revision of transit rights are stuck because of the height of the expected revenue. As the "Observer" recently pointed out, the jet supplies have in no way satisfied him. Most Westerners hope inwardly that once they have converted the dollars into aircraft they will be flown to pieces. Among the military matters about which the West has reason to feel bemused is the influence of German officers and sergeants on Middle East peace.

Another serious issue is the rehabilitation of refugees. Having graciously accepted $30m. for the purpose, the corresponding obligations are largely of a moral nature and the issue is already being muddled by political considerations, such as settling the refugees in the South near Israel's borders instead of in the areas to be redeemed in the North. Nothing has been done there about the El-Ghab swamps and about diverting the Euphrates to the Aleppo river in order to create new areas of irrigation. In short, none of the advertised reforms and development projects have come off. Lattakia harbour (incidentally an uneconomic proposition, only justified by competition with the Lebanon) has remained undeveloped and unconnected with the interior either by rail or major roads. The distribution of government lands, central banks, workers' housing projects and "economic councils" remain daydreams as long as the West cannot agree to Shishakly's terms for dragging Syria out of the financial quagmire.

### Family Fight

The other important factor is that Shishakly's regime is based on a halfway house with the feudal conservatives. These elements have refused Shishakly the benefit of their active cooperation, but he dare not risk losing their influence within the traditional parties. This is one reason why Shishakly has now arrested his brother-in-law Akram Hourani. The latter had earlier helped Shishakly and had hoped for some substantial reward such as the Presidency. Having failed in this, he began sowing his wild socialist oats among the fellahin of the North. Shishakly has long treated him like a fractious child. Yet recently Hourani has been carrying things further. He appears to have made a secret deal with the "Ba'ath" (Renaissance) Party. Both groups are minor offspring of unsettled times; in the political vacuum their importance has become inflated. So unbridled were political emotions that the "Ba'ath" could decry Shishakly as "pro-Western," as having sold out to the oil companies and as not sufficiently anti-Hashemite and anti-Israel. "Ba'ath" did Hourani's propaganda work in the South among the workers and students. Eventually the prospect of being shot at dawn clinched the matter and the leaders of Ba'ath," Michel Aflaq (a Christian) and Salah el D'in Bitar were also arrested. The jailed leaders have since escaped to the Lebanon and joined Sheikh Mustafa el Sibai, guide of the Syrian Moslem Brotherhood.

### Brotherhood 'Intervenes'

The Moslem Brotherhood is drawing on other untapped sources of fanaticism. The organization is still banned despite the "intervention" by their counterparts in Egypt. Shishakly has outraged them by the secular trend of his regime: the setting up of public monuments for many national heroes (interdicted in the Koran), the abolition of compulsory teaching of the Koran to non-Moslems and certain strictures regarding the wearing of religious garb.

Altogether not a formidable array of opponents: but Shishakly — like Nagib — commands no popular movement. For each step forward he may have to take two back. There are no major forces beside his, but any amount of juntas. By absenting himself for a short while — in Egypt — he has been giving hostages to fortune. Other "dictators" may study the lesson.

## Readers' Letters

### CITRUS RESEARCH PRIZE

To the Editor of The POST

Sir,—Referring to your notice regarding the Aharoni Prize (Dec 19) we wish to point out that the trusteeship of the fund is indeed in the hands of the Research Council of Israel, but the donor is the family of the late Ben Zion Aharoni in whose memory the prize is annually awarded for outstanding research on citrus fruit problems.

The panel of judges, appointed by the Research Council consisted of Prof. M. Aschner of the Hebrew University, Dr. Koffler of "Yakhin Ltd." Dr. W. Pilnik of the Central Citrus Fruits Laboratory and Mr. Landau of the Research Council of Israel.

This year Mr. I Zuckerman has been chosen as worthy of this prize for his work on the effect of limonene on microorganisms. Limonene, a constituent of etheric oil, is an important by-product of the citrus industry.

We take this opportunity to remind scientific workers concerned with this field of research that this year too the prize will be awarded and that papers should be submitted to the Research Council of Israel not later than February 28.

Yours, etc.
*E. HILDESHEIMER*
*Secretary*
*Research Council of Israel*
Jerusalem, Dec 31

VISITORS' GALLERY

# Baha'i Pilgrim from U.N.

THE Baha'i community does not concern itself with politics and has no time for divided nations, and the ideologies and frontiers dividing them. But members of the Baha'i faith do have a very great interest in the United Nations. While taking no part in the political side of U.N., the community's representatives from all over the world have played no small part in non-political activities, and Mrs. Mildred R. Mottahadeh, from New York, now on a Baha'i pilgrimage to Israel, is a very active member of the non-Governmental section of the U.N. Department of Information.

The Department comprises approximately 400 non-Governmental organizations from all over the world, including several Jewish and Israel agencies. About once a year the Department calls an international plenary conference in Geneva or New York; and more often at a regional conference in every corner of the globe, representatives meet to discuss ways of disseminating information on the U. N.'s work, charter and resolutions for humanity, among the people of the world.

The Baha'i representatives take a very active part at these conferences. Mrs. Mottahadeh told me. Having no lobbies or block votes, acting only according to conscience, their opinions earn high regard.

Last year, at the regional conference in Turkey, the Baha'i delegation was a bridge between representatives from the Arab countries and Mr. Daniel Auster of Israel. It included representatives from Egypt, Iraq and Turkey, each considering himself a member of the world-wide community whose teaching, "The world is but one country and all mankind its citizen" might well be the motto of U.N. itself. At the Turkey conference, Mrs. Mottahadeh was elected vice-chairman, although some delegates thought that an Asian should get the post.

Besides her work on the non-governmental section, Mrs. Mottahadeh is also the vice-chairman of the Speaker's Research Committee for U.N. Her lectures up and down the U.S. are much sought after, because of her extensive travel among so many of the United Nations, where she goes on behalf of her husband's import business seven months every year, besides her U.N. work. On her pilgrimage here she is the guest of His Eminence Shoghi Rabbani, World Head of the Baha'i faith. With Haifa as the spiritual and administrative centre of the faith, Israel is the heart of the Baha'i map, and Mrs. Mottahadeh feels quite at home. *Y. FRIEDLER*

## KEEPING POSTED

A MAN we know told us rather agitatedly that he didn't know what was happening in Jerusalem nowadays. He didn't suppose they were really being kidnapped, but he had seen a little bevy of distracted-looking women being hustled into a car in a Jerusalem street in broad daylight, each with a white cloth thrown over her head. Once they were in the door of the car was slammed, a man gave directions where the load was to be taken,

and they disappeared. Was this really all right? We were a little puzzled ourselves at first, but after we asked the place and time of the incident we were able to reassure him: they were merely ladies having their hair permed or dried, who had been overtaken by an electricity cut in the middle of the job, and who were being hurriedly transferred to a hairdresser's in some other part of the town where the current was on.

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*A CORRESPONDENT writes that she is often bothered by noisy neighbours at the cinema who explain the humour of the scenes to each other or eat sunflower seeds and spit out the husks. She went to an Arabic picture one day, she says, and became rather exasperated with a dark, heavily moustached young man who sat next to her, chewing steadily, but with gusto and rocking in his seat with laughter at all the subtler points in the story which she missed, as she does not understand Arabic very well. All went fairly smoothly while the language was simple, but presently an old Kadi appeared on the screen. She could not follow his florid literary speeches at all but, seeing her neighbour fairly bursting his seams with laughter, she finally asked him to explain what was going on. The young man sobered down immediately and said in polite broken Hebrew that he was very sorry, he was Rumanian and didn't know a word of Arabic, but wasn't the old character with the beard priceless?*

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FOR a few days running last week we were witness to a family dispute. It seems that Mrs. K. had received notification from the Post Office that a parcel had arrived for her from the United States, and that she must attend for a customs inspection. She asked her husband to go, because she hated lugging a heavy parcel afterwards, she said. The husband said he would be out of town until the end of the week, young K. had better go. Young K., who hates queueing, insisted that he was behind with his mathematics and wouldn't have time. They spent a week arguing the case, until they received a second notification saying that they would now have to pay storage charges. Mrs. K., who can be economical at times, finally nagged her husband into going for the thing. He came back about an hour later with the look of a man who has plumbed the depths. In one hand he dangled a cute little canvas bag, about two inches long, with a large label attached, reading "Bags of luck for the new Year from John and Lizzy," and a little rolled up strip of photographs in the bag itself. There was no duty to pay, but 70 pruta demurrage, and 50 pruta clearance charges.

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*A CONTRIBUTOR to American-Jewish magazines had occasion recently to offer one of his customers a story entitled, "Shalom Mizrahi Settles Down to Work." He knew the editor of this magazine quite well, as he had visited Israel several times, and ended his letter "Shalom lehitraoth" (may we meet again). A few weeks later he received a reply from the editor's assistant, explaining the delay by saying that the editor himself was away on leave. He had read the enclosed article Shalom Mizrahi etc. with interest etc etc. He apparently realized that Shalom is a common name in Israel, for he addressed his envelope to Mr. Shalom Lehitraoth.*

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WE hear of a very little boy who came home the other day with quite extraordinarily

muddy legs, even muddier than usual. His mother said "Goodness, look at you. I could plant potatoes on your knees." The boy shook his head and said, please could he have flowers instead?

Today's contributors include J. Bar David, and S.R., Jerusalem, and Ernst Crohn, Nahariya.

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*Taking Stock: U.S. 'Boom' to Continue*

# America's Hopes for New Year

E. KENNETH HARRIS

WASHINGTON. —

THE United States goes into the New Year in a mood which, compared with last year, is hopeful, and compared with two years ago is almost elated. Two years ago her troops were rushing back in headlong retreat down the Korean peninsula and the nation was in deep gloom illumined only by savage anger. Last year the situation in Korea was stable and healthy, but gave no promise of a solution.

This year, however, the people are convinced that the new Administration of General Eisenhower, which comes into office on January 20, has the power and the ability to do something, although they do not know what, about bringing the war to an end — bringing it to an end at least in so far as it affects American troops. For five million Americans have been, or will be, touched in some way by the Korean bloodshed.

### Foreign Worries

Yet it would be a mistake to imagine that what the Americans think about Korea gives you the sum total of their thinking on foreign affairs — to suggest that because they are hopeful about Korea, they are hopeful about international affairs in general. For nothing is more striking about the present day American than the way in which he worries.

Recently a friend of mine showed me opinion polls which he had taken in the years 1936-1941, the last year being the date of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour. These polls indicated that throughout those six years between 80 and 90 per cent of the American people were quite sure that they could not possibly be involved in any war. Now, there is practically nobody in his senses who believes that Americans can ignore crises in the outside world; and for several years to come Americans will continue to be apprehensive and bewildered by this fact, until they have grown accustomed to their new status.

On the domestic front, the coming year looks promising. Although the general price level is still high, the housewife finds most prices lower than she did a year ago — indeed her clothing is five, and sometimes ten per cent cheaper than it was at the beginning of 1951. Her husband's wages, too, have caught up with costs: the steel workers won their increase after the big strike last summer; the coalminers got theirs last month; and the automobile-workers have an excellent arrangement whereby their wages go up automatically with prices.

### Gesture to Labour

Although the Republicans are in power, and most workers vote Democratic, the working man can look forward to a good year. President-elect Eisenhower has chosen an active union leader, a Democrat, to be his Secretary of Labour; this quite unique action, interpreted as a sign of the friendliness and trust that Eisenhower wishes his Administration to show towards organized labour, has made an excellent impression.

Businessmen, too, are full of optimism. They have been given a "businessman's" government to an extent they have never seen before. They hope for economy, leading to a cut in taxes (which they will almost certainly not get) and to the freeing of scarce materials, including certain types of steel, now holding up housing and construction. They have been promised that "Government," to quote their next President, "will take its long nose out of private business." Yet thoughtful ones among them, especially those in the big industries, are not so hopeful. They see, for instance, that there is a lot of motor-cars remaining unsold at the year's end, despite under-production caused by the steel strike and the fact that easy-purchase systems have recently been made even easier. On the whole, however, businessmen are in great heart, and the stock market has climbed steadily since election day.

### Farmers' Concern

The farmers are the only group that looks with anything like concern upon the new regime. Traditionally Republican, they voted strongly — as far as we know — for President Eisenhower. They were happy about the promises he made in the campaign about keeping up the agricultural price support programme established by the Democrats. But they now know they are going to have to call those promises. For already prices are sagging: there is oversupply in relation to the prices the farmer finds remunerative; grain production in foreign countries once ravaged by war is rising, and there is less opening for American exports. The farmer, counting on high prices for several years, has laid out capital on new plant and new land: a quick slump could see him in mortgage difficulties.

On the whole, however, the Americans, who have survived several nasty periods in the recent past, move into the new year in a steady mood, with confidence in the new Administration and in the country's future. There is nothing to suggest that the 27 million people who voted Democrat are entirely dismayed with the results: there is, on the other hand, a great deal to suggest that many loyal Democrats are relieved that their Party has the chance to rest and re-form. The atmosphere here is one of light and hope. (OPNS)

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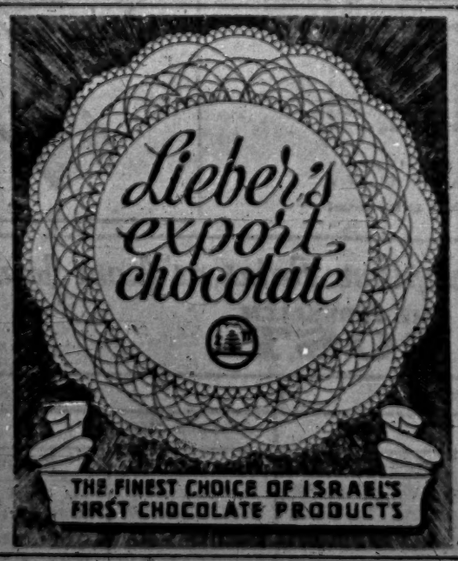


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| LIABILITIES | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|
| Shareholders' capital, issued | 1,174,812.— 7 | |
| Shareholders' liability | 234,962. 8. 1 | |
| Shareholders' capital, paid up | | 939,849.12. 6 |
| Reserve for unexpired risks | | 2,300,300. 4.— |
| Reserve fund for annuities (Accident Department) | | 135,130. 1.11 |
| Reserve for claims intimated, but not paid and for claims to be expected | | 717,162.— 5 |
| Reserve for outstanding expenses and taxes | | 414,948. 6.11 |
| Sundry creditors | | 2,417,967.18. 6 |
| Cash deposited by reinsurance companies | | 185,711. 4. 5 |
| General Reserve fund | 619,250. 8. 5 | |
| Investment reserve fund | 2,402,541. 9. 7 | |
| | | 3,022,301.18. 3 |
| Debenture loan 1934 (redeemable in 1959) | | 127,349.12. 6 |
| Dividends | 103,383. 9. 2 | |
| Unclaimed dividends | 8,341. 1.10 | |
| | | 111,724.11.— |
| | | £10,342,535.10. 5 |

| ASSETS | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|
| Cash in hand and with bankers | | 1,437,985.16. 7 |
| Fixed deposits | | 46,913.15. 4 |
| Balance of account-current with N.V. The Netherlands of 1845 Life Insurance Company | | 115,123.12. 3 |
| Sundry debtors | | 1,123,756. 2.11 |
| Cash deposited with reinsurance companies | | 122,724. 8. 1 |
| Union of South Africa Government securities | 31,738.15.— | |
| British Government securities | 128,504. 8. 5 | |
| Other Government securities | 1,456,198. 8. 6 | |
| Municipal and other Local Government securities | 75,658. 4. 7 | |
| Railway and other debentures | 770,213.18. 8 | |
| Railway and other preference shares | 311,572.19.— | |
| Railway and other shares | 1,184,124. 2. 8 | |
| | | 3,958,040.17. 1 |
| Immovable property | | 20,973.13. 6 |
| Subscription to Public Ledger of Reconstruction | | 1,553.15.— |
| Shares in and amounts due from subsidiary companies | | 2,183,939.—. 1 |
| Mortgages | | 132,744.13. 2 |
| Loans | | 1,087,973.18. 2 |
| Expenses paid in advance | | 64,496. 7. 9 |
| Interest accrued | | 70,312. 9.11 |
| | | £10,342,535.10. 5 |

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1951

| | £ | £ |
|---|---|---|
| Interest and Dividends not carried to other accounts | | 186,461.17. 2 |
| Transferred from: | | |
| Fire account | 300,041. 1. 3 | |
| Accident account | 126,035. 3. 4 | |
| Consequential Loss account | 24,960.14. 2 | |
| | 453,036.18. 9 | |
| Less: transferred to Marine account | 35,092.13.11 | |
| | 417,944. 4.10 | |
| | £ 604,406. 2.— | |

| | £ |
|---|---|
| Premiums paid to staff pension fund | 163,291.19. 9 |
| Expenses not charged to other accounts | 180,957.—. 9 |
| Dividend for the year 1950 | 108,383. 9. 2 |
| Transferred to general reserve fund in consequence of profits distributed by subsidiary companies | 1,822.18.— |
| Transferred to investment reserve fund | 154,950.14. 4 |
| | £ 604,406. 2.— |

The Hague, April, 30, 1952.

*Dijker, de Leede & Co., Auditors.*
(signed) H. DE LEEDE.

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| Profit transferred from Fire, Accident, Marine and other Insurance Branches | IL. 946.799 |

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| Net Profit being transferred to Appropriation Account (Balance) | IL. 946.799 |

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